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SUBJECT: S&T AGREEMENT: VISAS

REF: A. MOSCOW 17104

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1. IN CONNECTION WITH RECENT DELAYED ISSURANCE OF US VISA FOR GLEBOV TO BE PART OF ELECTROMETALLURGY ELECTRON BEAM DELEGATION, REF A REPORTS AYKAZYAN'S STATEMENT THAT SOVIETS HAVE NOT REFUSED VISA TO ANY MEMBERS OF US DELEGATIONS UNDER S&T AGREEMENT.

2. REF B INSTRUCTED EMBASSY ON MARCH 6 TO TRANSMIT REQUEST THAT TURKEVICH ARRIVE MOSCOW APRIL 7 AND PROCEED WITH MINER TO ALMA-ATA APRIL 9. REF C ADVISED DEPARTMENT THAT SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES INFORMED EMBASSY MARCH 27 TURKEVICH TRIP COULD NOT BE ARRANGED "DUE TO LACK OF TIME". CUSTOMARILY VISA APPLICATIONS ARE NOT SUBMITTED TO SOV EMB WASHINGTON UNTIL TRIP DETAILS ARE AGREED. TURKEVICH VISA APPLICATION WAS NEVER SUBMITTED BECAUSE OF INFORMATION THAT HIS TRAVEL HAD BEEN REFUSED, EVEN THOUGH ONE MONTH
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NOTICE GIVEN IN THIS CASE IS MUCH MORE THAN TWO WEEKS

DEPARTMENT HAD THOUGHT WAS GENERALLY REGARDED AS ADEQUATE

NOTICE UNDER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS. SCIOFF REFERRED
IN TELEPHONE CALL ON GLEBOV CASE TO NORMAL THREE WEEK
PROCESSING FOR US VISAS FOR SOVIET TRAVELERS UNDER
AGREEMENTS. IS THIS CORRECT? HAS EMBASSY INFORMED
SOVIETS OF THREE WEEK REQUIREMENT?

3. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO HEAD OFF ANY SOVIET
RETALIATION FOR LATE ISSUANCE OF GLEBOV VISA, ESPECIALLY
SINCE, UNDER S&T AGREEMENT, SOVIETS HAVE DENIED TRAVEL
OF US WOULD-BE PARTICIPANT WHEREAS WE DO NOT RECALL ANY
CASE WHERE US HAS DENIED TRAVEL OF ANY PARTICIPANT
PROPOSED BY SOVIETS.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING TO AYKAZYAN:

US REGRETS DELAY IN ISSUANCE OF GLEBOV VISA BUT PLEASED
THAT TRIP TOOK PLACE WITH ONLY SLIGHT DELAY. US
SURPRISED BY AYKAZYAN STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THIS
CASE THAT SOVIETS HAVE NOT REFUSED VISA TO ANY MEMBERS
OF US DELEGATIONS UNDER S&T AGREEMENT BECAUSE OF SOVIET
REFUSAL IN MARCH 1975 TO PERMIT JOHN TURKEVICH TO
TRAVEL TO USSR TO ACCOMPANY ROBERT MINER TO ALMA ATA. KISSINGER

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